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New Appointment For General Sir Brian Robertson

London, Mar. 16.—General Sir Brian Robertson, the British High Commissioner in Germany, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East Land Forces. The appointment was approved by the King.

He will be succeeded as High Commissioner by a civilian, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, Under-Secretary in charge of the German Department at the Foreign Office.
The Foreign Office and War Office announcement reporting General Robertson's appointment said that he will succeed General Sir John T. Crocker in about June. General Crocker is to be Adjutant-General of the Forces in September.
General Robertson was a Cadet at Sandhurst—Britain's famous military college—when the 1914-18 War broke out. His father was Field Marshal Sir William Robertson—the first soldier in the British Army to rise from a private to the rank of a Field Marshal.

WITH EIGHTH ARMY

General Robertson served in the Army throughout the First World War and for some time after. But in 1933, after his father died and he succeeded to the title, he went into business as an official of the Dunlop Rubber Company in South Africa. When war broke out in 1939, General Robertson joined the South African forces. His reputation went higher and higher through the campaigns in Italian Somaliland and Abyssinia—until in June, 1942, he

was made Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General to Britain's crack Eighth Army. He went with the Eighth Army all the way to El Alamein. His administrative qualities were picked out again when he was made Governor of Tripoli. He built up the civilian services in this battle-torn area.
He finished the war as Field Marshal Alexander's chief administrative officer in Sicily and Italy, and was appointed Chief of Staff under Field Marshal Montgomery in 1945.

In postwar Germany he got one of the most exacting jobs that has ever faced a British military man—administering the British Zone with its millions of war-shocked people and shattered cities and communications.

Malaya Rubber For Russia

Penang, Mar. 16.—Malaya is to send Russia some 15,000 tons of rubber this month.
One ship is loading about 8,000 tons from Malayan ports this week and another is due to take another consignment next week.
Both ships are destined for Odessa.
According to official Penang trade statistics, Russia re-entered the local rubber market last month, purchasing 1,033 tons.—Reuter.

RIOTS CASUALTIES

New Delhi, Mar. 16.—A government spokesman said today that at least 600 Hindus were killed on the East Bengal railway between Jamalpur and Bahadurabad in recent rioting between Moslems and Hindus. He added, "Travelling Hindus will not be safe on this line."—United Press.



GENERAL ROBERTSON

Improved Situation Permits Reduction Of HK Garrison

The military authorities consider that the situation in South China has improved sufficiently to warrant a slight reduction in Hongkong's garrison in order to meet military needs elsewhere, said the official Army spokesman this morning.

Discussing the decision to transfer the 26th Infantry Brigade from Hongkong to Malaya to help in the anti-bandit campaign there, the spokesman said the move can be regarded as a permanent one and, according to present plans, the Brigade will not be replaced by other troops.

He pointed out, however, that should the need arise, the Brigade could easily be recalled from Malaya.

No date has yet been set for the Brigade's departure, as transport facilities and arrangements for its reception in Malaya will first have to be settled. The 26th Infantry Brigade consists of the 2/6 and 2/10 Gurkha Rifles and the 1st Battalion, Camerounians.

Departure of this Brigade will still leave about 28,000 troops in Hongkong.

Seretse Khama To Be Allowed, Temporarily, To Return To His Tribe

London, Mar. 16.—Britain's Labour Government, attacked from all sides over the Seretse Khama affair, agreed today to let the exiled African go back temporarily to the Bamangwato tribe and his pregnant English wife.

It also announced that a White Paper would be published, lifting the veil from many of the reasons why Seretse, chieftain-designate of the tribe, has been banned from his home for five years.

The Commonwealth Minister, Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, told Parliament that 27-year-old Seretse would be allowed to return from London to Bechuanaland to collect evidence for a law-suit about his inheritance.

But the Government has not climbed down over the ban on Seretse, whose troubles began when his uncle, Tshekedi, former Regent of the tribe, declared a feud over his nephew's marriage to a white girl.

Tshekedi has also been exiled for five years by the Government.

The Minister, who faced hostility from a number of the

Government's own supporters, declared that the length of Seretse's stay within the Protectorate and his movements there would be kept under review by the British Government, having regard to his conduct and the interests of order and good government.

He added that it might be necessary to apply certain conditions to his return, but they would not restrict his liberty regarding his law-suit.

TO PAY PASSAGE

The Government had also agreed to pay the cost of his air passage and a bill of legal expenses incurred from his visit to London.

Mr. Gordon-Walker said he had told Khama that arrangements would be made for him and his wife, a former London typist, Ruth Williams, to be together around the time of her confinement.

The length of his stay and his movements within the Protectorate of Bechuanaland would be kept under review by the Government, having regard to his conduct and the interest of good order and good government in the territory, he added.

A Government statement would be issued as soon as possible setting out in greater detail the facts and considerations that led the Government to its decision to withhold recognition.

Mr. Gordon-Walker, answering questions, made it clear that Seretse Khama would be allowed to return to the tribal reserve to take personal evidence for his law-suit.

RECOGNITION WITHHELD

The Minister also said that it had been decided to withhold recognition of Seretse Khama as chief. That implied that it had not been decided to refuse recognition.

Later, when the House was discussing next week's Parliamentary business, the Liberal leader, Mr. Clement Davies,

Harbour Tragedy: Gilman's Employee Missing

FRUITLESS ALL NIGHT SEARCH FOR VICTIMS OF COLLISION

Mr David Fitzroy-Williams of Messrs Gilman and Company's shipping department, and Mrs Penelope Osborne, 23-year-old widow, who was en route from San Francisco to Singapore, are missing as a result of a collision in the harbour last night between the HKY Ferry Man To and a walla-walla in which Mr Fitzroy-Williams and Mrs Osborne were travelling.

Survivors of the tragedy include Mr Doyle, radio operator of the ss Steel Navigator, and three Chinese crewmen of the motor boat. One of the Chinese is in Queen Mary Hospital.

The accident occurred about 10.30 p.m. Mr Fitzroy-Williams had been aboard the Steel Navigator, which was lying at Buoy A2, to clear the ship for her passage to Singapore and then rejoined his motor boat which was alongside.

Mrs Osborne, a passenger on the Steel Navigator, and Mr Doyle, the ship's radio operator, asked to be permitted to join Mr Fitzroy-Williams in his walla-walla as they desired to go ashore.

They did so, and the motor boat left the Steel Navigator. It had just cleared the bow of the ship when, according to Mr Doyle, Mr Fitzroy-Williams shouted out "Duck!" and a moment later the motor boat was hit by the ferry Man To.

ROOF CAVES IN

The canvas roofing of the walla-walla caved in as a result of the impact and it is believed that Mrs Osborne and Mr Fitzroy-Williams, who were sitting in the stern of the boat, were imprisoned by the collapsed roofing.

The motor boat sank immediately, but Mr Doyle and the three Chinese crewmen were fortunate enough to get clear and they were rescued by one of the sampans unloading alongside the Steel Navigator.

As soon as the Man To hit the motor boat she sounded her SOS signal and the Steel Navigator switched on a searchlight to assist in the rescue operations.

A police launch also rushed to the scene with a searchlight, but although a search was maintained all night, there was no sign of Mrs Osborne and Mr Fitzroy-Williams.

POLICE INQUIRY

The Police conducted an inquiry last night on board the Steel Navigator and took statements from witnesses.

The ship left port at 4 o'clock this morning for Singapore.

Mr Fitzroy-Williams joined Gilman and Company after the war. He was a First Lieutenant of destroyers during the war.

and had a most distinguished record of service, winning the DSC. He came to Hongkong with the fleet after 1945 and took his discharge about two years ago.

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USS Missouri's Officers To Be Court Martialled

Norfolk, Virginia, Mar. 16.—General courts martial were ordered today for the Commanding Officer, the Operations Officer and the Navigator of the United States Navy's giant battleship, the Missouri, because it grounded in Chesapeake Bay on January 17.

The Missouri is the biggest warship afloat.

Admiral William M. Feenstater, the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, said that formal charges would not be made public before the courts were convened.—Reuter.

Britain To Spend More On Colonies

London, Mar. 16.—Britain will spend £5,846,500 more on developing her Colonies in the next 12 months, but the grant to Malaya in aid of local revenues is cut by £2,000,000, bringing it down to £3,000,000.

This was announced today with the publication of Government estimates for the Foreign and Imperial Services in the financial year ending March 31, 1951.

The extra money for Colonial development is the biggest item in an overall increase in the services of £13,787,645. The total estimate is £20,018,845. Of this, £19,150,000 will be spent on opening up the resources of the Colonies and improving the welfare of their people.

The next largest increase is £5,443,330 for the general working of the Colonial and Middle East services for which the total estimate is £19,455,770. The main item under this heading is £5,050,000 for war damage compensation schemes in the Far Eastern territories.

On the domestic side, Britain will step up her civil defence costs by £2,310,000 next year. The total bill for England and Wales will be £6,104,270. The cost of training civil defence workers will be down by £272,300, but grants to local authorities will be up £1,550,400.—Reuter.

Untouchability An Offence

New Delhi, Mar. 16.—The government indicated today that those who continued to practice untouchability, which was abolished by India's new constitution, might soon be liable to prosecution. The announcement said: "The government is considering framing legislation prescribing punishment for offences arising from the practice of untouchability. A bill to this effect will be introduced during the current session of Parliament."—United Press.

BLAZE ON ROOF OF HOTEL

The Fire Brigade were called to the Great Eastern Hotel, Connaught Road Central, shortly before 9.30 o'clock this morning when a blaze was reported to have broken out on the roof.

The firemen discovered that a large basket had caught alight and the flames, which gave rise to some alarm, were quickly extinguished with little damage being done to the establishment.

EDITORIAL

Public And The Budget

THAT the Hongkong Reform Club should call an open meeting to discuss the 1950-51 Budget is an encouraging sign that some degree of interest can yet be shown in this important subject. What remains to be seen, however, is the public response to this opportunity for expressing opinion on a question which affects, to some extent, the daily lives of the majority of the Colony's inhabitants. The Hongkong Reform Club probably has not forgotten the public apathy towards its endeavours to unearth popular opinion regarding constitutional reform, and in view of this experience, which could almost be described as humiliating, credit must be given to the Club for trying yet again to awaken public consciousness over a vital issue. Next Tuesday's meeting is designed to obtain some representative reactions to the latest Budget; it is also a challenge to the so-called Pro Bono Publicos of Hongkong for them to demonstrate whether or not they are willing and capable of giving vent to their feelings and convictions; whether the Budget means nothing more to them than an intricate maze of figures, or whether they appreciate it as the most important piece of annual legislation introduced by Government. Budget figures taken in the mass are bewildering, but from them can be discerned a pattern of spending which may or may not be acceptable according to the point of view. It has been stated that the prime object of the Reform Club's meeting is to explain to the public the why, hows, and wherefors of revenue raising. This is useful, up to a point, but it covers only one aspect of the Budget. The other is expenditure, particularly the question of whether the Colony receives proper value for the millions of dollars which are being officially spent every year. The greatest single item in the Estimates is the administrative costs, i.e., the cost of government. Personal emoluments, HCL

allowances, pensions, accommodation for civil servants, and the customary running expenses associated with offices absorb nearly 50 percent of the total expenditure—an appallingly high proportion. A study of the detailed estimates of expenditure reveal that Government contributions to privately organised social, health, educational and recreational enterprises amount to a mere seven percent of the total Budget—and these institutions, it has to be recognised, are the principal media for catering to the Colony's social and cultural welfare. On the other hand Miscellaneous Services, which are little more than charges for non-productive services, require 18 percent of the total expenditure, roughly eight percent more than it is proposed to devote next year to Public Works non-recurrent, most of which have at least the virtue of providing improvements for the benefit of the general public. The "whys, hows and wherefors" of raising revenue is, undoubtedly, an important subject, but it must be considered also in relation to the "whys, hows, wherefore" of spending that revenue after it has been raised. The Hongkong Reform Club has a wide field of inquiry, if it cares to explore it. For instance, official methods of estimating revenue as well as official proposals for garnering it. So far as revenue estimating is concerned it has long been a "by guess and by God" system with little or no confidence displayed either in divine intervention or in individual ability to assess prospects. Revenue estimates, it has been frequently shown, bear little relation to the actual intake of any one year, and invariably the explanation is that the Colony has enjoyed unexpected windfalls; yet these have a peculiar habit of persistently recurring. Some realistic revenue estimating would not come amiss, and would rapidly convert that estimated deficit for 1950-51 into a surplus which, it is quite confidently anticipated, will in any case eventuate.

£3Mil. Loan For Our Airport

London, Mar. 16.—The British Government has made token provision for a £3,000,000 loan to the Hongkong Government to meet expenditure on the construction of an air port, the Civil Estimates for 1950-51, which were published today, disclosed.

The loan will be free of interest and the terms of repayment will be settled later. It is not required immediately, but token provision is made in order that Parliamentary approval of arrangements may be obtained.

The Estimates include £150,000 of a grant of £250,000 in respect of the University of Hongkong.—Reuter.

Chinese Reds Take Mr Keswick's S'hai Houses Away From Him

Mrs Claire Keswick is wondering where she will live in Shanghai when she rejoins her husband there early next week.

Her husband, Mr John Keswick, head of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., owns two palatial houses in the Hongkiao district of Shanghai, but they have both been requisitioned by the Chinese Communist authorities to accommodate Russian advisers who are said to be pouring into China since the conclusion of the Sino-Soviet treaty.

Mrs Keswick is leaving Hongkong tomorrow by the ss General Gordon, which is ex-

pected to take away 1,000 foreign residents from China. The day, however, will be fixed with sadness for Mrs Keswick, for she will be saying goodbye to her eight-year-old daughter, Margaret, who is returning on the same day to England by the ss Canton to continue her schooling.

Mr Keswick is at present in Tientsin but is expected to return to Shanghai in time to meet his wife. Since his two houses were requisitioned, he has taken a flat in town, it is understood. News leaking through the Chinese "bamboo curtain" says the Chinese Communists have taken over 2,000 houses near Shanghai's Hungjiao airfield for the use of the Russian

advisers. Among the houses belonging to Britons that have been taken over is "The Tidal", the last house on the highway before the airfield, belonging to Bill Hawkins, who with his wife, Gladys, have lived there over 30 years.

Gladys Hawkins refused to budge from the property last summer when the Nationalists were preparing their "last ditch" defence, which proved more impressive in propaganda releases than in actual practice.

She kept the Union Jack flying from her garden for over 30 years, despite many upheavals, but from the flagstaff now flies the Hammer and Sickle of the USSR.

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Seen At Buckingham Palace

WINSTON CHURCHILL... The Voice in the darkness for a France oppressed... It was the name on the lips of the President of France, M. Vincent Auriol, at Buckingham Palace when he replied to a toast by the King at the state banquet given in his honour on March 7.

The toast was given in the ballroom. The King said in French: "I raise my glass to your health and that of Mme. Auriol, as well as to the prosperity and happiness of France."

And M. Auriol replied: "We shall not forget those long and painful hours when the whole of France, oppressed and tortured, struggled in the dark to prepare the liberation of the morrow listening to the dauntless voice of Winston Churchill hurling at the enemy the inspired defiance of a united Britain."

The man M. Auriol spoke about sat on the right-hand wing table.

Winston Churchill was one of the 100 guests at tables set out with pieces of silver gilt plate.

At the top table, from left to right, were the Duchess of Kent, the Prime Minister (Mr. Attlee), the Duchess of Gloucester, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Princess Elizabeth, M. Schuman; and then—

Drawn by ROBB

The Queen, President Auriol, the King, Madame Auriol, the Duke of Gloucester, the Princess Royal, Lord Chancellor (Lord Jowitt), Lady Patricia Ramsay, the Lord President of the Council (Mr. Herbert Morrison), and the Duchess of Beaufort.

Other members of the Cabinet, including Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Minister, were there, too.

Princess Margaret was absent. She was in bed with influenza.

BOBB draws the Royal Family dresses, specially

designed to set-off the ruby-red French decoration, the Legion of Honour.

The Queen wore a crinoline gown of crisp white tulle mounted over silver tissue. The bodice and skirt were embroidered in a design of silver feathers, each feather ending in a motif of rubies to tone perfectly.

While tulle fell from her shoulders with the silver and ruby feather embroidery repeated on it. She wore a

bandeau and ornament of diamonds.

Princess Elizabeth wore a satin gown in palest green. The draped bodice was held in place by a halter collar of embroidered satin, continuing in two panels down to the floor. The embroidery was in pale green paillettes, pearls, tiny emeralds and gold.

The Princess wore diamonds and the scarlet ribbon of the Legion of Honour.

—London Express Service.

Hollywood's New Bow Tie King

JUST for being the new bow tie king, Kirk Douglas will get himself a sure \$300,000 during the next four years.

This is the guarantee in a deal Kirk has signed with a combine of bow tie manufacturers to supply their product. The deal is for 10 years. Kirk may make a million.

The smaller amount is in the bag. So, where Frank Sinatra once set the fashion in bow ties, Kirk now takes over. He agrees to wear at least one bow tie in each of his pictures providing it isn't a costume story. He'll also wear them in publicity stills and, as much as possible, in public.

Pretty soft way to make \$300,000.

The operation on Ann Southern was delicate surgery but came out fine.

Ann had a small calcified tumor near her thyroid gland, and pressing on a nerve vital to the vocal chords. "After trouble wasn't toxic, it was mechanical," says Dr. Bill Branch. "When she talked, she got voice fatigue."

With the operation, the condition has been corrected, according to Dr. Branch.

OF late years so much has been written about the so-called change of life that many women approach this unescapable episode with fear and dread.

As a matter of fact, now, though every woman goes through bodily changes at this period few suffer any disturbing symptoms because of them.

The age at which change occurs depends on the individual. To most it comes between the ages of 40 and 45 but it may begin before 40 or even be delayed until after the age of 55.

In the vast majority of women, the regular periods taper off gradually and finally disappear entirely after two or three years. In some few women, the periods may stop abruptly.

Abnormal loss of blood may occur in the early stages of the change of life. Aside from this,

the most common symptom is hot flashes, that is, a sudden sensation of heat in the upper part of the body. This may be followed by a great deal of sweating, ending with a feeling of chilliness. These hot flashes may occur at varying intervals during the day and night.

Symptoms

Often there also may be lack of energy, irritability, sleeplessness, numbness and tingling, fear, pain in the joints, dizziness, ringing in the ears, headache, and loss of memory.

It has been estimated that while three out of four women experience one or more of these symptoms at the time of the menopause, only few suffer them in any severity. Usually, the more active and energetic the woman, the milder the change will be.

Occasionally, the only symptoms may be tiredness and gain in weight. In such instances it is important that a basal metabolism test be made to de-

termine whether or not there is a deficiency of thyroid secretion.

Psychologically

Psychologically there may be anxiety in many cases. If the symptoms of change are mild, as a rule no particular treatment is usually necessary other than reassurance that there is no reason for fear or worry. The use of a mild sedative or nerve-soothing preparation, such as one of the barbiturates, may be helpful.

In more severe cases, the giving of glandular extracts, known as estrogens, is advisable. These may be given by mouth, although in such cases the dose required is about five times as large as that when the preparations are given by injection into a muscle. Estrogens should not be used in cases where there is irregular bleeding, in women whose family history shows a tendency to cancer, in cases where there are certain types of tumours in the womb, and in those who have had a liver inflammation recently.

Serving Two Purposes

DRESSES that look like coats, and coats that look like dresses are new and important. Good buys, too, because they serve a dual purpose.

Hardly an important countess collection in California that doesn't show at least one of these good-looking coats, slim as dresses, made of wool, faille, tulle or linen. Navy is the favourite colour, though they appear, too, in all the popular suit and coat colours of the season.

Monte-Sano's collection includes a coat-dress of thin-nail French worsted in dark gray checks, belted in gun-metal leather, its sleeves with double "lampshade" flounces ending just above the wrist.

Philip Mengoni has a series of coat-dresses made of a wool crepe. Fully lined, the coats are usually belted, often with inset belts. Several have bloused waist-backs made entirely of flat pleats.

Hattie Carnegie has a navy silk coat with bold white linen collar and cuffs, which would double effectively as a dress. Concealed pockets are set in front of each folded side pleat and the curved back belt has a single centre button.

Many of the lightweight wool coat-dresses you will find in the shops have shirt-cuff effect in an elongated lumber-jack manner.

Without Danger

Estrogens cause no reactions and are without danger when properly administered under the direction of a doctor. If too much estrogen is given, excessive bleeding may occur. In these instances, what is known as progesterone, a different type of extract but also made from a part of the ovary, is used. It is administered twice daily by injection into a muscle.

The change of life is a time of readjustment, and medical guidance through this period is important, both for health and happiness.

BALANCE

WEARING as off the forehead draw, because with a roll trim, this first business bar covered ear, tied with a crystal ball earring.

—London Express Service.

Beauty Routine for Hands



Frequent applications of a good hand lotion are especially important if hands are thin and knuckles have become prominent. Wash first, then apply lotion.

By HELEN FOLLETT

HANDS need softening and whitening creams, as well as lotions, all the year round. They need more attention than the complexion since they are subjected to dust and grime and frequent washing means that the natural oil is removed, leaving the skin surface dry. Many women have young, fresh and old-looking hands. All the toilet goods have gone to the face; hands have had to get along as best they could.

Creaming is especially necessary if the hands are thin and knuckles have become prominent. A certain amount of moulding is possible. First give your hands a scrubbing with soap suds and a brush. It's helpful to put a little cream in the water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Spread on a heavy cream, treat each finger separately, starting at the base, thumbing to the tip, where the cream should be frictioned into the surrounding tissues to keep the nails healthy and to prevent hangnails.

Thumbing from the wrist up to the fingers, doing little circles. If the joints of the hands have become rigid do exercises while the cream remains on. Stretch the fingers wide apart, draw them into the palms of the hand with strong muscle pull. This condition may come after doing heavy house work.

Perspiring hands are a common trouble. This condition comes usually to the woman who is tense, inclined to be nervous or self-conscious. At cosmetic counters one will find remedies for excessive skin moisture. When sitting up for the merry evening, about to zip yourself into your dress, it is a nice idea to put a little vanishing cream on the backs of your hands.

Discolourations, unless they are in the form of moth patches or perennal freckles, will disappear if laved once a week with a lotion made by combining equal parts of peroxide and lemon juice.



Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

"SPRING is here," remarked the Chef. "I saw those pretty little green good luck plants at the florists."

"You mean shamrocks. They're for St. Patrick's Day," I said. "It's a fine thing to give a party."

"A party!" said the Chef. "Shall we make something special?"

"A dessert tray would be nice," I suggested.

"We have the serving table on wheels in the kitchen," went on the Chef. "It has three shelves. On the bottom we'll arrange the cakes; on the middle shelf, I will put the French pastries, and on the top shelf we will have the places, I mean the ice creams, such as the Nesselrode pudding, the Coupe Jacques, the bombe glace."

"Now, just a minute, my dear Chef. This is not a pre-war reception on the avenue of the Boulevard. This is just a little simple party that any homemaker might give, or that a career girl can carry out. Bridge or games first, with a little music if someone can sing those beautiful Irish ballads, then a dessert tray for refreshment."

Simple Desserts

The Chef refused to be disappointed. "Then perhaps we can have three simple desserts—let us say, a nice cake—a hot steamed pudding or a lime chiffon, and a refreshing fruit cup."

"That's more like it, and those suggestions can be carried out without spending too much time or overstretching the budget."

"The desserts can be arranged on a big tray. Even an ordinary kitchen tray can be made very attractive, covered with lace paper doilies."

The Chef recovered his enthusiasm. "I will decorate each dessert with a touch of green for the day of St. Patrick."

The cake can be home-made, or cake layers can be bought and put together with raspberry jam. I suggested, "then covered all over with a plain white icing and strewn thickly with coconut."

"And I can give the green touch to the icing by mixing a few chopped green pistachio nuts with the coconut," the Chef added.

Packaged Frosting

"And if more convenient the icing can be made from a packaged frosting, the kind to which you just add water, then stir."

"For a hot dessert I would suggest the little steamed date pudding served with your foamy sauce, Madame."

"And for guests who are reducing, let's plan one of your fruit cups, Monsieur," I suggested.

Dinner

Tomato Soup Crackers
Scallops Radishes
Escalloped Cod, Haddock or Halibut Mashed Potato
Beets with Lemon Juice
Steamed Date Puddings
Hot Foamy Sauce
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level Recipes Serve Four

Steamed Date Puddings

Sift together 3 c. flour, ¾ tsp. salt, 3½ tsp. baking powder and 1½ c. sugar. Add 1 c. dates, which have been stoned and shredded, or substitute moist raisins. Beat 2 eggs light; add ½ c. milk, and the grated rind and juice of 1 lemon. Stir and beat into mixture. It will be very thick. Add ½ c. melted butter or margarine.

Turn into well-oiled custard cups or moulds; cover with waxed paper, fastening it on with rubber bands or string. Place in a steamer or put on several folds of newspaper in a deep sauce pan and pour in water to half the depth of the moulds. Cover closely and steam 1 hr. Serve with hot foamy sauce.

Hot Foamy Sauce: In a small sauce pan, thoroughly mix 1½ tsp. cornstarch, ¼ tsp. salt and ½ c. sugar. Grate a slice in 1 c. heated orange juice and simmer 5 min. In a small bowl beat 1 egg white stiff with ¼ tsp. lemon juice. Beat in the hot sauce and serve at once.

Lime Chiffon Pie

Bake a plain piecrust or graham cracker pie shell. Then make the filling. To do this, make up 1 box prepared lime gelatin according to directions on the package but use 1½ c. water.

Cool; when beginning to thicken fold in 1 c. well-drained crushed pineapple and ½ c. cream or evaporated milk whipped stiff. Chill until firm, about 4 hrs. Grander with extra whipped cream, and decorate with "shamrocks," made with icing in clusters of threes.

Trick of the Chef

To make little olive pigs to decorate hors d'oeuvres or salads for St. Patrick's Day, use very large green olives for the bodies, toothpicks for legs, bits of cucumber stuck on with a toothpick for snouts.

NEW X-RAY APPARATUS AT 6TH RADIOLOGY CONGRESS

The International Congress of Radiology, which takes place in London this year, is an event of major importance to X-ray specialists—and indeed to all medical men—throughout the world. Normally held at three-yearly intervals, each time in a different country, it is now 13 years since the last Congress was held—in Chicago in 1937.

Rats To Get Poison Oats, No Coffee

The condemned rats of Hawaii's Kona coast will be served 7,000 pounds of rolled oats and no coffee for their last meal.

The rats probably would order coffee if they had their choice, but the territorial legislature is paying the bill for the meal and it says definitely not.

For years the caffeine-addicted rodents of the "big island" have feasted on the island's third biggest export crop. Kona coffee growers say the damage runs between \$100,000 and \$200,000 annually.

BEANS IN DEMAND

The growers need the beans because U. S. coffee handlers use all they can to blend with other products.

This year Kona growers expect slightly under \$2,000,000 for the coffee, which tastes like the savoury Brazilian bean.

Why the rolled oats? Rats are a wily lot, according to the coffee farmers. A few poisoned beans might catch the more reckless rodents but their brothers would catch on quickly.

POISON TO BE ADDED

So feeding stations will be set up throughout the plantations, about four to six for each acre of cultivated land. Out-fitted pans will be placed at the edge of wasteland or stone piles where the rats hang out between coffee hours.

A week is considered long enough to convince the rabid coffee connoisseurs that oats are more nutritious and delicious. When the converts start paying nightly visits in large numbers for their "free meal," something new will be added.

Perhaps some will die from over-eating, but the majority will pass on into rodent heaven from the effects of zinc phosphide poisoning.

During the intervening years very great progress has been made in all branches of radiology and the use of X-rays has increased to such an extent that it is now said that one out of every two patients attending hospital is subjected to X-ray examination.

The exhibition of X-ray and ancillary apparatus, which is being held in the two halls of the Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, Westminster, from July 24 to July 28, will reveal many radical improvements in the design of the equipment of manufacturers from nine different countries. It will offer to visitors from all parts of the world their first opportunity to compare the post-war designs of different countries. The great progress made by United Kingdom manufacturers, both in technical design and quality of production, will be strikingly evident from their exhibits.

Only quite recently has Britain become a large-scale manufacturer of X-ray tubes, but already her productive capacity is more than sufficient to meet the increased home demand consequent on the National Health Service, and an increasing number of tubes is being exported.

ALL TYPES

A similar state of affairs exists in the case of major X-ray apparatus, which at one time United Kingdom manufacturers produced in relatively small quantities, most of them are now equipped for large-scale production which, in turn, enables them to devote a considerable part of their resources to the research work which is an essential forerunner of original and progressive design.

The exhibition will include examples of all types of X-ray apparatus, from small dental and portable units which can easily be carried to the patient's home, to deep therapy and industrial X-ray units operating at tensions of 250,000 volts and more.

There will be appliances for handling radium, sensitive and complex instruments for measuring minute traces of radiation (a field in which British scientists have made great advances) and all the necessary necessary apparatus and materials required in connection with the practice of radiology.

Admission to the exhibition is by ticket, available to doctors and others engaged in the practice of medical and industrial radiology and physiotherapy from the Technical Exhibition Secretariat, Sixth International Congress of Radiology, 32, Welbeck Street, London, W. 1.

WRITINGS DISCLOSE AEGEAN CULTURE

A Bulgarian scientist has deciphered Europe's most ancient preserved writings.

Prof. Vladimir Georgiev has "unveiled the Minoan (Cretan) writings," which are considered the most ancient preserved written documents in Europe. It was disclosed by the archaeologist, Ivan Velkov in Izgrev, Bulgarian periodical.

Mankind has learned about Aegean culture from the excavations carried on in the past few centuries. Aegean monuments are scattered all over the Mediterranean, but the biggest concentration is in Crete and the Peloponnese, said Prof. Velkov.

Cretan culture dated back as far as 3,000 B.C. About 1,800 B.C. some unknown catastrophe befell the island and much of its civilisation was wiped out.

The renaissance in Crete came about 1,700 B.C. when the magnificent palaces and other public buildings were constructed. Their ruins indicate the once mighty city of Knossos, ruler of the ancient Mediterranean world.

INSCRIBED ON CLAY

That was the period connected with the mythical King Minos, his labyrinthine palace and his fabled minotaur. From this time date the most ancient preserved writings in Europe—the so-called Cretan or Minoan writings, inscribed on clay tablets. Some 3,000 or 4,000 have been preserved, about one-fourth of which are now published.

It is these writings which Prof. Georgiev has deciphered, according to the article in Izgrev.

Minoan writings, the article said, were "pictographs," each picture being a separate word. This system later developed into a syllabary writing, of which the tablets are examples.

Scientists were aided in their search for the key to the tablets by the knowledge that many of them concerned commercial accounts, lists of names, registers and similar entries.

Couldn't Happen Twice

A train was crossing the Alpine village of Cavalese when a five-year-old boy on a sledge came down a slope at great speed, heading towards the level crossing. The sledge passed between the locomotive and the first carriage and the boy found himself unhurt on the other side.

A Meal in Itself

Spring hats displayed by New York's top milliner looked as if they had been made from breakfast foods. This effect was deliberate, "Mr. Johns," the designer, said he had tried to develop straws which looked like cornflakes and shredded wheat.

NEWS IN PICTURES



NICE AND ROSY—Janet Brett graphically models this new bathing suit in Hollywood. The sea-going style is made of a new water-repellent chintz, and is the latest thing.



BORN TO POLIO VICTIM—Girl triplets, born in Long Branch, New Jersey, to a 30-year-old mother recovering from polio, are held by nurse Elizabeth Nelson and Dr. Edward Surowiec. The mother, Mrs. Fred W. Warnke, is the wife of a dentist and mother of two other children. The first of the triplets was delivered naturally and the other two by Caesarean section.



CHIPPER SKIPPER—Movie actress Rhonda Fleming plays the part of a captain at the wheel of a cruiser as she glides over the waters of Lake Mead, near Las Vegas, Nevada. Rhonda had a short vacation between pictures, before she had to hurry back to Hollywood for the start of another one.



SHE'S GOT A JOB—Irish setter Knotty Notes Tarashan O'Kells gave birth to a 17-puppy litter in Alexandria, Virginia, and that is believed to have topped all records. Two puppies died. Dinner-time is still a problem, even with the moral support of her master, 10-year-old Alex Todd. Just now she's letting sleeping dogs lie.



WINTER IN THE COUNTRY—The drifts shown here near Eureka, South Dakota, illustrate this winter's conditions in the northern part of the state. Snow piled up as high as 18 feet in some places, and motorists left cars in garages rather than drive through drifts.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



Story Of Inventive Genius

A 1,048-page book just published in Birmingham—parts of it are printed in nine languages—is not by any means in the best-seller class, but it has a fascinating story to tell of British inventive genius.

This prosaic tome, alive with numerous stories of the trials and triumphs in the field of mechanical invention in which British brains and craftsmanship have emerged second to none, is the 1950 catalogue of the Castle Bromwich section of the British Industries Fair. Its 100,000 words, nearly as many as there are in the New Testament, give a glowing account of the mechanical perfections and the vision and perseverance of the builders of the mechanical age, who, despite many setbacks, heartbreaks and disappointments, set Britain along the road to engineering supremacy, with the Midlands always in the van.

ARRAY OF STOCK

It is all there in this precise, rather technical yet authoritative dispatch, enumerating in fascinating form the glittering array of stock that there is in Britain's industrial show-window and reflecting in unmistakable fashion the fine performance and high quality of our engineering genius and craftsmanship.

Not one of its perfectly displayed 443 advertisements show a Hollywood lovely primly wielding a silver spanner or reclining a machine, nor is there anything unrelated to industry. The high-powered salesmanship of the sleek publicity merchants has been banished from these pages, yet this well prepared volume presents a story fascinating to both buyer and seller alike.

Very soon now this saga of human endeavour will spring into real life. Then you may know that all is well in Britain's field of industry and endeavour and that the Midlands have triumphed once again.

It's All In The Family

Theodore Borkowski, 58, got a divorce in Cleveland because his 44-year-old second wife, Josephine, wanted to marry his son Chester, aged 28.

In Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mrs. Helen Bishop, 35, tried to upset the marriage of her divorced husband, Victor Bishop, 35, to her 16-year-old daughter Jean by a previous marriage.

She said: "I gave him a divorce when he told me he was in love with a younger woman. I did not know the other woman was my daughter." She was told the marriage was legal.

U.S. LIMITING STOCKPILING

London, March 10.

The editor of The Times Review of Industry warns, that the dollar earning capacity of the Sterling Area under the terms of the American stockpiling programme should not be overestimated.

The latest report of the United States Munitions Board to Congress, he points out, emphasised that the establishment of an overall balance within the stockpile was of great and immediate importance.

The limitation of funds available for stockpiling made it necessary for the Board to cut down purchases of materials already held in substantial quantities to permit larger purchases of scarce products. The two chief strategic sterling commodities—rubber and tin—were among those products which may, for the time being, take a secondary place in stockpiling purchases.

This limitation did not affect purchases against EAP counter-part funds, but these did not yield additional dollars to the Sterling Area pool.

ANOTHER AIM

The Times Review of Industry also points out that the American stockpiling programme has another aim besides accumulating physical stocks of strategic and critical materials. This covered development of substitutes and of conversion measures, the utilisation of low grade ores through concentration, and similar schemes which could render the United States less dependent on foreign supplies in time of war.

Remarkable progress was made in the conversion of products like tin and rubber during the Second World War, and these activities have been developed further since the passing of the Stockpiling Act of 1950. Although these did not, for the time being, affect commercial demand, they would play some part in fixing strategic stockpile objectives.

Fought to Death Over 2d. Tip

Fifty gypsies, including men, women and children, fought a knife and club battle on the outskirts of Seville, Spain, over the outcome of a 2d. tip. Three men, an old woman and two 10-year-old boys were killed on the spot. Three other men died in hospital. Everybody else was more or less severely wounded. The fighting only stopped when there was nobody left to fight.

K. O. CANNON The Riddle of the Red Domino



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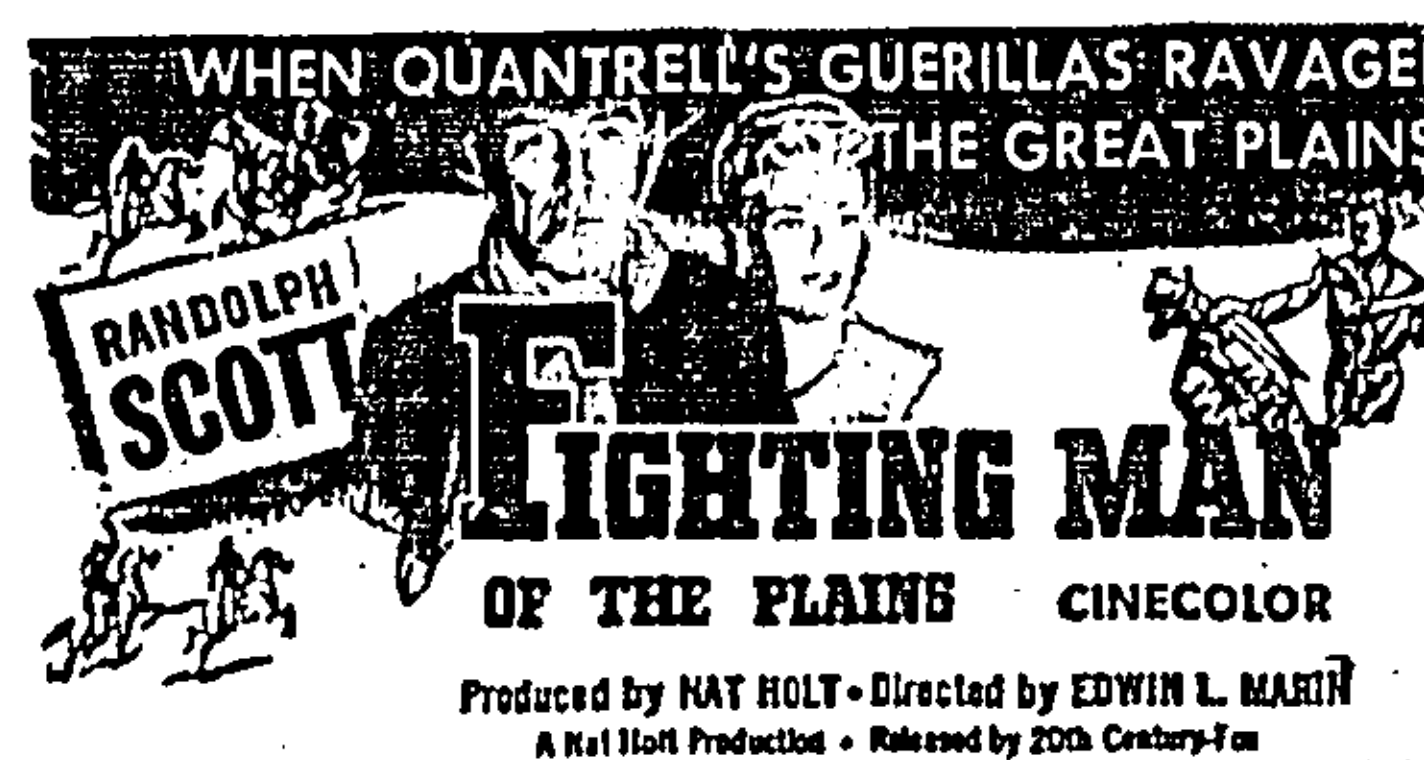
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DOROTHY PAMELA O'GRADY—served nine years in gaol.



by EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

London. bought two tartan dinner jackets. But there is nothing new to this idea. Highlanders have worn them for generations. Lord Bruce, son and heir of the Earl of Elgin, was photographed wearing one at a Perth ball. It was copied from a doublet 250 years old. Lord Saltoun wears a tartan smoking jacket. And Harry Cunningham-Bruce, one of the war's youngest brigadiers, has a complete tartan suit.

Mr Cube talks
• SPATING his case at Olympia during the next four weeks: a talking model of Mr Cube. He is two feet three-inches tall, can move his lips, eyes, and ears. "I am learning to wave goodbye to Mr Strachey and Dr Summerville," he says in a deep voice. Mr Cube was invented by 28-year-old Charles Garner, ex-R.A.F. specialist on "George," the automatic pilot. How much did Tate and Lyle spend to make him? It is estimated not less than £2,000.

Maharajah moves
• THE Maharajah of Baroda is giving rid of properties in Britain. He has bought a Paris flat, a villa in Cannes. Reports that he will soon put up 17 yearlings for sale in Britain indicate that he is interested in the main racing. The Maharajah is one of the richest men in the world. Since his deposition as active ruler of Baroda, elements of the Indian Government have manoeuvred to recover money and jewels which, they claim, are State property. The Maharajah may think that his money is safer in France.

After the ball
• MILLIONAIRE Edward Hulton and his wife—formerly Russian Princess Nikia Yourevitch—last July gave a house-warming party at Cleve Lodge, 24, Hyde Park Gate. The house was not ready to be warmed, so the party took place in the garden—transformed into a miniature fairground and heated by braziers.

The King's jacket
• EYEBROWS went up in sartorial circles when it was announced that the King had bought two tartan dinner jackets. But there is nothing new to this idea. Highlanders have worn them for generations. Lord Bruce, son and heir of the Earl of Elgin, was photographed wearing one at a Perth ball. It was copied from a doublet 250 years old. Lord Saltoun wears a tartan smoking jacket. And Harry Cunningham-Bruce, one of the war's youngest brigadiers, has a complete tartan suit.

Author in a tub
• FOR many months Mr Ernest Hemingway has been keeping himself to himself. He has been writing a novel, his first for five years. Where has he been hiding? In the bathroom of Room 86 at the Ritz Hotel, Paris. There, sitting in the tub, he has written most of the book, at the rate of about 500 words a day. (London Express Service)

NANCY
Hit and Run
YOU'RE KINDA CUTE—DO YOU LIVE HERE?
HOW ABOUT HAVIN' A SODA WITH ME?
HAVE YOU ANY MONEY?
SURE—HERE'S TWENTY CENTS
A DIME WILL DO
I'LL HAVE MINE IN MEXICO CITY—THANKS

She had herself sentenced to death as 'a huge joke'

By Sidney Rodin

THE only British woman sentenced to death for spying during the war was released from Aylesbury Gaol a few days ago after serving nine years of a 14-year sentence.

Immediately on release she told an almost incredible story.

She said that in fact she had never done any spying; that the whole episode was "a huge joke"—a piece of exhibitionism on her part. That being sentenced to death gave her the biggest thrill in her life.

The woman concerned is Mrs Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, now 52 years old, formerly a boarding-house keeper at Osborne Villa, Sandown, Isle of Wight.

She has gone back to Osborne Villa to reopen her boarding house.

Her 'tales'

Let Mrs O'Grady tell her story in her own words:—

"Since I was a child I have loved to make up tales and pretend I have done things that I have not done out of love of shocking people.

"At school I once wrote on pieces of paper that I had killed my mother. I hid them about the place hoping they would be found and that they would hang me. Yet I was very fond of my mother.

"When the war began all my guests left Osborne Villa, and my husband, who is now 72, took a fireman's job in London. I was all alone except for my black retriever Rob.

At the beach

"The island was full of soldiers and most of the sea front was prohibited to residents. But the summer was hot, and I continued to take my dog for his swim.

"I walked miles to get the better of the soldiers in order to reach the beach.

"Gun emplacements were everywhere, and one day in July I got to the beach at Whitecliff Bay, near Bembridge.

"I was sitting reading when two soldiers appeared.

"They asked me what I was doing there, and then one of them, a sergeant, noticed a small paper swastika pinned under the lapel of my coat.

"It came from the Daily Express war map, with which little coloured flags were provided for marking the changes in the front.

Checked up

"The swastika flag must have stuck to my hair as I bent down to pick something up in front of the map. As I walked I felt it in my hair and quite naturally pulled it out and put it under my lapel.

Guide maps

"So I told the constable that I thought Hitler was a fine man and if he wanted to make Germany greater I didn't see why he shouldn't. To my huge delight the constable wrote all this down.

"Now I began to enter into the lark in earnest. I had guide maps of the island which I used to give to my guests and I began marking them with military objectives.

"I was nearly a casualty in a daylight bombing attack on the Royal Marine Hotel, Ventnor. I bought a postcard showing the hotel, which I marked, for I knew it stood above a military billet.

"I went to St Boniface Down, near Ventnor, where there was a secret radar station, and made rough pencil sketches of the layout, one of which I dropped near the sentry.

"At Luccombe Chine the stone steps down to the beach had been partly blown up to prevent easy ascent of the cliffs.

"But, exploring with my dog Rob, I found a narrow, twisting path which enabled me to descend to the beach and climb up again.

"I made three sketches of this place, indicating the path with arrows, and showing a trench which was manned by soldiers at night—I even indicated the number and the time they went on duty—and a camouflaged gun which I had seen on a house-top above the beach.

A summons

"Other sketches I made included those of the naval wireless station at Culver Cliff, and the sea fort where a big naval gun had just been installed.

"Most of these sketches I dropped where soldiers would find them, but I always carried some more, and a marked map of the island, in my handbag to keep up the illusion of being a spy should I be arrested.

"I longed to be arrested.

"Then a summons came ordering me to appear at Hyde Park Court to answer charges of having been found in a prohibited place and of attempting to bribe soldiers.

"I packed a bag, locked up the villa and went to stay at Alum Bay. I was three weeks there before they found me. All the time I kept marking my maps and dropping my little swastikas.

"When the police took me to Yarmouth Police Station they found my maps and sketches in my handbag, and also a false identity card. I thought I had lost my card a few weeks before and obtained a new one.

"Then I found the old one and took great delight in rubbing out my name and substituting a false one, with a London address.

"I was kept three months in Hollywood Gaol, in London, and interrogated for long periods. My chief interrogator from M.L.S kept asking to whom I gave my information.

"I refused to say. Earlier, however, I had made up the yarn that a submarine used to appear off the Isle of Wight at night and a man came ashore in a rubber dinghy.

"This is the man I said I had contacted.

"When I knew I was going to be tried at Winchester I became a little frightened and was almost on the point of confessing that the whole thing was a joke. "But I hardened and looked forward to the trial as an immense thrill.

"The trial lasted two days. Although right inside me I was scared I enjoyed every moment of it.

"I learned that because of my maps most of the defence plans for the island had been changed.

Black cap

"The excitement of being tried for my life was intense. The supreme moment came when an official stood behind the judge and put on his black cap for him before pronouncing the death sentence.

"The man didn't put it on straight. It went over one of the judge's eyes and looked so funny that I was giggling inside and had a job not to laugh.

"It was hard to keep a straight face and look serious and solemn as I knew a spy should. "I found it disappointing that I was going to be hanged instead of shot.

"My next disappointment was to learn that they would put a hood over my head and tie my hands behind my back before taking me to the scaffold.

"This upset me. I protested. "What is the good of being hanged if I can't see what is happening?" Sometimes I said: "They won't hang a woman in England."

"I took some persuading to appeal against the death sentence and I spent Christmas in the death cell. They gave me a little piece of Christmas pudding and a few sweets and some cake.

"I used to spin the officers all sorts of yarns about my spying. All these, I discovered, were later written down.

"My only fear was that I would be taken away one morning to be hanged without having been told the night before.

"Sometimes I dreaded going to sleep in case this happened. I was terrified, yet I enjoyed being terrified.

A letter

"Three judges heard my appeal at the Law Courts. It hurt me that not once did any of them turn to look at me. When I was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment I became almost hysterical and could not stop crying all that night.

"I went to Aylesbury next day. For many months I told no one that my spying was a mere pretence. Then I wrote a letter to my husband explaining everything for the first time. It was intercepted by the prison authorities.

"Then, after two years, I wrote out a full confession. It was sent to the Home Secretary. My statement concluded with the words: 'I know I acted foolishly, but I did not realize the gravity of my acts at the time.'

"The Home Secretary acknowledged my communication and said it would be filed with the documents relating to my case.

"The war ended, but I still heard nothing.

Privileges

"After three years I had become a 'special' prisoner with many privileges. The specials have their own small wing with sitting room and kitchen, and a very nice garden. I became quite happy in prison.

"My husband visited me regularly. He had stood by me through all the years and kept our home together. But he was getting old and I felt I should make one more effort to be released so that I could come out and look after him.

"Therefore, last November, I petitioned the Home Secretary for my release. I wrote: 'My husband is now 72 and wants me at home.'

"I know I did wrong in pretending to be a spy, but I have paid for it now."

"The answer came on February 15 ordering my almost immediate release."

"That is the story as Mrs Dorothy O'Grady told it to me.

Readers who may doubt her sanity should know that at no material time has it been doubted.

When she had been in prison four years she was seen by Dr Jean Durrant, a psychiatrist.

Dr Durrant is not at liberty to discuss individual cases. But when I saw her at home in Chelsea she said to me: "No person certified as insane would be kept at Holloway or Aylesbury."

The truth

What further light can Mrs O'Grady herself throw on her affair?

With what I judged to be complete frankness she said: "Perhaps I have some mental kink, which took hold of me at the time because I was amid the continual noise of guns and the droning of planes.

"All my life I had never been anything. I have always been insignificant. I never had a close friend even at school.

"I felt tremendously lucked when I saw that they thought me clever enough to be a spy. It made me feel somebody instead of just an ordinary seaside landlady.

"Yet I was astonished when they believed it all. I never imagined they would.

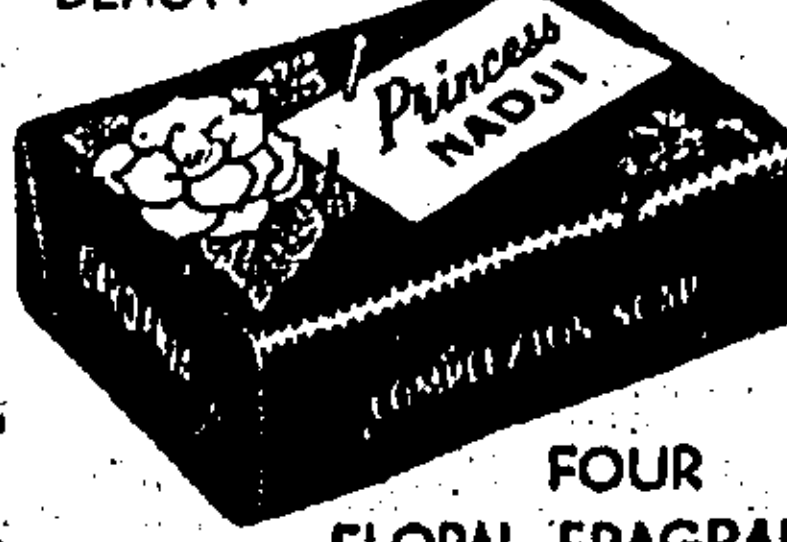
"But I consider it better that people on the Isle of Wight who doubted me should now know the truth. Better to be thought a fool than a traitor."

A Home Office official to whom the statement was submitted said: "The question whether Mrs O'Grady's explanation of her conduct is feasible is not one on which the Home Office can properly express an opinion as she was tried in open court."

In the history of Aylesbury Gaol no woman has ever served so long a sentence—not even those in "for life." They are usually released after five years.

—London Express Service.

SOAP THAT SPELLS BEAUTY



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By Ernie Bushmiller



Urgent Churchill Call For Action On Defence

Catholic Leader Ordered Out

Prague, Mar. 16.—The Czechoslovak Government ordered this afternoon that Monsignor Ottavio de Liva, who had been in the country for three days, was to leave the country within three days. It was officially announced tonight. Monsignor de Liva is the Secretary of the Papal Pronunciamento in Prague. The note accused him of carrying on subversive activities. The note said that the higher Church hierarchy in Czechoslovakia had for a considerable time past been misusing the Catholic Church here for anti-State activity.—Reuter.

SHARP CANBERRA FLARE-UP

Canberra, Mar. 16.—The debate flared up anew today in the Australian House of Representatives over the Japanese war criminal suspects were rejected by the Labour Government, which left office last December.

Mr. P. C. Spender, Minister of External Affairs, charged that Mr. Chifley's government played politics, and told the assembly, "The conduct of the Chifley government regarding Japanese war criminals was disgraceful. They should have been prosecuted."

War-time pilot B. Graham (Liberal) angrily declared: "The Japanese are sub-human creatures. Their complete elimination as a race would in no way detract from the future prospect of the world's development and prosperity. There are members here with deep loathing and hatred for the Japanese after personal contact with them."

Mr. Josiah Francis, Minister for the Army and Air Force, declared that the Chifley government was wrong in that it nothing was done about Japanese war prisoners. General Douglas MacArthur would be forced to release the suspects. Holding a sheet of paper in his hand, he said: "Here is a cabinet document which recommended to the Chifley cabinet that no further action be taken."

Mr. Chifley retorted: "That was never adopted." Mr. Francis continued: "It is obvious from the files that the former Army Minister, Mr. Cyril Chambers, and the former Defence Minister, Mr. J. J. Deane, quarrelled on the issue of the war trials."

Mr. Chifley, in his own defence, said, "Lack of accommodation in various Eastern places was the main reason why the trials were delayed. His government first wanted to have facilities there not available here. He then sought to stage the trials in Japan, but the authorities there declined. Mr. Chifley said his government finally suggested Darwin, Australia, but this proved unsatisfactory.—United Press.

Funeral Service For Rev H.R. Wells

A funeral service will be held for the late Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., 87-year-old missionary and Chinese scholar, who died last night at the Queen Mary Hospital following a stroke, at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the Hop Yai Church, Bonhom Road. The service, which will be in Chinese, will be conducted by the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling.

Following the service, the cortege will proceed to the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, where burial will take place.

The late Rev. Mr. Wells was docked down by a tramcar in Dux Vaux Road Central on Wednesday morning, and suffered a fractured skull.

The aged missionary first arrived in China in 1887, and shortly afterwards joined the staff of the London Missionary Society. He came to Hongkong in 1903, and retired from the Society in 1930.

Mr. Wells had a long association with the Chinese churches in the Colony. He was also well-known for his sublimation of many Chinese books, and especially for his "Cantonese For Everyone," an easy guide to foreigners desirous of learning the Cantonese tongue.

It is requested that no flowers be sent, but donations in lieu of flowers of the Society for the Protection of Children and the Fanning Babies Home will be welcome.

POWERFUL SPEECH IN COMMONS

London, Mar. 16.—The Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, opening a defence debate in the House of Commons today, said that progress had certainly been made with the Commonwealth countries towards the close working partnership on defence matters which the Government regarded as their goal.

They would continue to study matters of mutual concern as they affected the different members of the Commonwealth.

"We shall also continue to meet, to the maximum possible extent, requests for assistance in building up the fighting services of the other Commonwealth countries. There is, in addition, a constant flow of officers and other ranks of the three Services on loan, on exchange or on courses," he said.

Mr. Shinwell said that the Commonwealth countries were being invited to a meeting of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on defence in London during the summer for discussion on a wide range of subjects.

On the atomic bomb, and "its more deadly development, the hydrogen bomb," Mr. Shinwell said, "We know that Soviet Russia made progress more rapidly than at one time seemed likely."

The Americans continued to develop the knowledge required to improve on earlier bombs.

Britain was following her own programme.

Substantial progress was being made in military planning to translate the North Atlantic Pact into practical measures. Britain expected to receive a substantial number of American B29 aircraft this year.

The large quantities of military equipment Britain had transferred to North Atlantic Treaty countries had resulted in increased defensive strength.

Speaking in the debate, Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, said that the active aid of Western Germany was essential to the defensive plans of the Atlantic Pact nations.

"We are unable to offer any assurance to the Germans that they may not be overrun by the Soviet or a satellite invasion," Mr. Churchill said, adding that Germany was at present disarmed, and unable to give any military forces to assist in the defence of her vast front.

"The mighty mass of the Russian armies and their satellites lie like a fearful cloud upon the German people and the direct protection," Mr. Churchill declared, "We have no guarantee to give except to engage in a war after wrecking what is left of European civilisation. It would no doubt end ultimately in the defeat of the Soviet, but it might lead to Communist domination of Western Germany and not only of Western Germany."

"If the Germans are to have no guaranteed defence nor be allowed to make a general contribution to the framework of defence, they must console themselves as they are doing with the thought that they have no military expenses to bear."

"I say without hesitation that the effective defence of European frontiers cannot be achieved if the German contribution is excluded. The decision does not rest with this country alone but we must have a policy and the House ought to know what is our policy."

"It is painful to witness the present indecision and also the petty annoyances by which reconciliation of France and Great Britain with Germany is hindered by belated dismantling of a few remaining factories and still more belated trials of aged German generals."

"All this plays into the hands of the Communist fifth column in Western Germany and assists the reviving of Nazism or neo-Nazism, which is only another variant of the same evil."

Mr. Churchill said that he did not quarrel with the Navy Estimates but, rather, was sorry to see no increases in fleet reserve strength during 1950-51. "There is no surface fleet potentially hostile to us in the world today, therefore, the aircraft carrier with appropriate naval protection must increasingly replace the battleships of former times."

"What we have to face in the next few years is the Germanised Soviet U-boat," he added. "An entirely new type of U-boat has been developed which

could manoeuvre below the surface at upwards of 20 knots and could make passages of thousands of miles without appearing on the surface, he said.

"The main emphasis of our naval efforts at the present time should be to create the largest number of light fleet aircraft carriers and auxiliary carriers which are capable of carrying the necessary modern type of aircraft."

Turning to the Air Force generally, Mr. Churchill said, "In the forefront stands the enormous numerical strength of the Soviet Air Force. If we are to have sufficient strength to deter war, or enable us to win through if it comes, we require far larger numbers of the highest class aircraft than we now possess."

"Every sacrifice should be made in other branches of defence to make sure that it is not neglected. Fortunately, and providentially, there is the American Air Force, far stronger than ours and of equal quality."

"If the air quantity is best defeated by quality. That is how we got through in 1940. Our defensive forces in fighter aircraft should be raised and our radar protection should be raised by our utmost exertions to the highest possible level."

Mr. Churchill continued, "Do not nurse foolish delusions that we have any other overall effective shield at the present time from mortal danger than the atom bomb in the possession, thank God, of the United States of America."

"But for that there would be no hope that Europe could preserve its freedom or that our island could escape an ordeal incomparably more severe than that we have endured."

"Let us, therefore, labour for peace, not only by incurring our defence in strength, but also by making sure that no door is closed to any hope of reaching a settlement in this tragic period when two worlds face one another in increasing strain and anxiety."—Reuter.

SHIP ABANDONED

Suez, Mar. 16.—The 5,500-ton Norwegian motorship Taiwan has been abandoned in a sinking condition off St. John's Island in the Red Sea, according to a signal from Captain Brickland to the ship's agents.

The message added that all 42 crew, including the captain's wife and two stewards, were safe on board the 3,000-ton British freighter Mathura, of Liverpool.

The Taiwan was bound for Scandinavia from the Persian Gulf.—Reuter.

Found Guilty Of Manslaughter

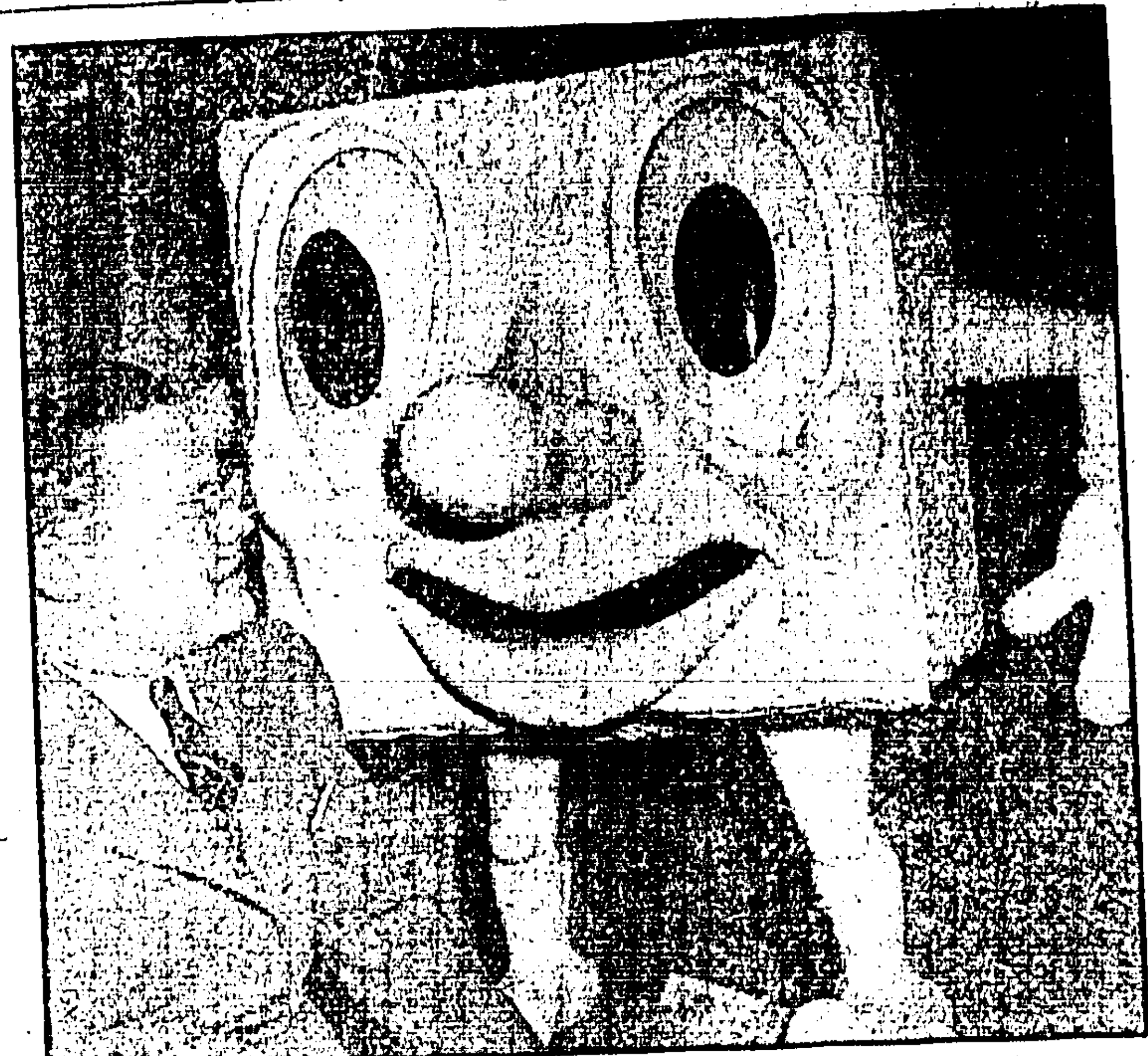
Sydney, Nova Scotia, Mar. 16.—The jury today found Dan Jack Maclean, 65-year-old ex-Mayor, guilty of manslaughter in the death of December 18 of Joseph Mackinnon, crippled vote registrar.—United Press.

By Galbraith



"Well, there they are! Didn't I tell you if we moved south your relatives would swoop down on us every winter!"

Mr. Cube Can Now See, Sing And Make A Speech



Mr. Cube, the anti-nationalist pet of the sugar industry, has grown up. He has been given an electronic brain which allows him to move his eyes and hands, sing and make a speech. Here he is at a demonstration in London with his inventor, Mr. Charles Garner.

No Parking For Planes!

Anchorage, Alaska, Mar. 16.—Much pilots were told today to keep their planes off Alaskan roads or face charges of "operating a vehicle on the highways without headlights or license plates."

Patrolmen have been instructed to make arrests unless highways were used for emergency landings only.—United Press.

Knowland's China Policy

Washington, Mar. 16.—Senator William Knowland said today that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had laid the foundation for a constructive foreign policy, but was still "mistakenly" ignoring the forces of Nationalist China.

The Republican Senator told Senate, "It does not need to close Europe while we have it wide open in Asia."

He said the Chinese Nationalists still had 600,000 troops under their command and 200,000 of them were first-class fighting that the State Department discuss with the island countries of the Pacific an alliance against Communism.—United Press.

Battle With Famine In Red China

San Francisco, March 16.—Peking radio claimed that an unprecedented grain distribution scheme is now under way, designed to avert the famine which Mr. Acheson yesterday said, is likely to affect forty million Chinese.

The broadcast contended that the famine is the result of misadministration rather than underproduction, although this is questioned by informed sources.

According to the radio, the Minister of Trade has statistics showing that there are "large grain surpluses" in Manchuria, Inner Mongolia, Central, South, and South-West China. These surpluses would be adequate to meet shortages in Eastern China, which is the severest famine stricken area. The radio said railways, ships, and a large labour force are being mobilised to transport the grain from surplus to deficit area. "Already 60,000 tons of grain have reached Hanoi province from Manchuria, and two thirds of Inner Mongolian surpluses have arrived in Peking. Great quantities of rice from Manchuria and the Yangtze basin are flowing into Shanghai."—United Press.

U.S. Naval Chiefs Insist On Need For Preparedness

Washington, Mar. 16.—The Navy Secretary, Mr. Francis Matthews, told the House Appropriations Committee that it would be "complete folly" to contemplate anything less than adequate military preparedness in view of the hostile forces loose in the world today.

In testimony released today by the Appropriations Committee, Mr. Matthews said: "Aggressive Communist expansion in the Far East continues. The economic and political situation in Central and Western Europe, although improved, is not yet stabilised. Countries in the Middle East need the help and support of the Western world if they are to retain their independence."

The naval Chief of Operations, Admiral Forrest Sherman, told the Committee the Navy's budget had been made up "after a great deal of thought on the international situation and the likelihood of hostilities."

In answer to Committee questions, he could "give no guarantee that war would not break out during 1951. Questioned about the effects on the United States' security of the military assistance programme, Admiral Sherman said, "During the past two years I have played a part in the situation in France to a degree and more importantly in Italy and Greece. . . . In Greece, particularly, the operation included economic aid, direct military aid and indirect military aid by the maintenance of a fleet in the Mediterranean. . . . They all have been in ending active guerrilla warfare in Greece and in the maintenance of our position in Trieste and success in Italy."—United Press.

New tactics were to present Russia as wanting a reunited Germany, but he warned that Russia would allow only "ersatz" nationalism if it gained control of the country. Another approach was the Russian promise of unlimited trade for German businessmen in the East, including China.—United Press.

Alien Law Ruled Unconstitutional

Los Angeles, Mar. 15.—California's alien land law, which prohibits natives of Japan from owning property in the State, was declared unconstitutional today by Superior Judge Raymond Clarke, who said: "The alien land law is directed against persons of Japanese ancestry only because of race. It is clear that state legislation which seeks to impair constitutionally protected civil rights to acquire, own and enjoy property violates the due process and equal protection of the 14th amendment to the United States constitution."

The ruling came in a case brought by Mrs. Inuye Masao, 62, who sought legal title to a lot in Pasadena that had been dedicated to her by her sons. Five of her six sons served in World War II. One was killed, another disabled, a third partially disabled and all five decorated. When her sons bought the lot last November they decided it on the same day to their mother, wishing to build a home for her. The lot would revert to the State since a native-born Japanese was not permitted to own property. Mrs. Masao then filed suit.—United Press.

KING LEOPOLD TO ACCEPT VERDICT OF PARLIAMENT

Geneva, Mar. 16.—Exiled King Leopold stated today that the Belgian Parliament must decide whether he should return to the throne on the basis of Sunday's referendum which gave him 57.6% of the votes.

If Parliament—in which the Catholics who supported him fully are just short of an absolute majority—decided against his return, he was ready to retire, the 49-year-old King stated.

The declaration said, "It is the function of Parliament to take political responsibilities. As the organ of national sovereignty it is its duty—in virtue of the powers given it by the law of July 19, 1945—to find, without further delay, the solution to the present crisis."

He said that whatever decision Parliament may take he would bow before that decision. He added that if the Assembly considered that his prerogatives should not be returned to him he would retire in order to preserve the country from serious political disorders. "If, on the other hand," he said, "the Parliamentary Assembly, enlightened by the consultation, returns my prerogatives to me the principle of Parliamentary majority on which the regime is based will resume its work within the rigorously respected framework of the constitutional law."

King Leopold's announcement followed three days of urgent consultations with Belgian political leaders, including the Catholic Prime Minister, M. Gaston Eyskens, at his lake-side villa at Prebay, near Geneva. Prince Badoin, King Leopold's 19-year-old son, was believed to be attending the talks. He will succeed to the throne if his father abdicates. Belgium's General Federation of Labour said today that its plans to stage a series of nationwide general strikes would go into action only if the King returned to the country without the consent of Parliament.

Before Leopold can return to the throne, a joint session of both Houses of Parliament must be held and vote to repeal the legislation, passed in 1945, which established the Regency.

Both Houses separately must first approve the holding of the joint session.—Reuter.

MR D. J. FRASER PROGRESSING

Mr D. J. Fraser, of the Education Department, and organizer of St John's Cathedral, who was involved in a traffic accident in Stubbs Road late on Wednesday night, when he was driving his Government lorry, was this morning reported to be progressing favourably. He is a patient at Queen Mary Hospital.

According to a Police report, Mr Fraser was proceeding down Stubbs Road when he crashed into the same direction a short distance past Tung Shan Terrace. The vehicle was badly wrecked and Mr Fraser seriously injured.

Radio Hongkong

11:00 p.m. "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary: 8:00, Children's Hour presented by Elizabeth Anne (Studio); 8:30, "Cantonese by Radio" given by Miss Lee Wah-ho (Studio); 9:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 9:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 10:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 10:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 11:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 11:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 12:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 12:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 1:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 1:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 2:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 2:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 3:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 3:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 4:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 4:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 5:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 5:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 6:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 6:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 7:00, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 7:30, "The Voice of America" (Studio); 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Lord Tedder To Head Staff Mission In U.S.

London, Mar. 16.—Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, wartime deputy to the Supreme Allied Commander, General Dwight Eisenhower, is to become Chairman of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington.

Announcing this in the House of Commons today, the Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, said that the new post of overall permanent Chairman of Britain's Joint Staff Mission had been created to mark the "high importance" the British Government attaches to "our representation in Washington."

The holder will also become the British representative on the Standing Group of the North Atlantic Military Committee, Mr. Shinwell added.

Besides the three senior British Service chiefs in the United States, the Mission includes a representative of the Ministry of Supply, which supervises Britain's atomic energy research and development programme.

The Mission, which has continued since the early war years, is the liaison agency with the American Services on matters of joint interest.—Reuter.

Indian Textile Exhibition Opens In London

London, Mar. 16.—An exhibition of some of India's loveliest textiles was opened by the High Commissioner, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, today. He took members of the British Government and Ambassadors from many countries on a tour of the "showroom" at India House containing the greatest display of Indian cottons and silks ever seen here.

Squatters Problem In Malaya

London, Mar. 16.—The Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, told Parliament today that settlement of the 400,000 Chinese squatters in Malaya was a formidable task which would inevitably take time.

In a written reply to a question asking what progress had been made in the matter, Mr. Griffiths said: "The principle has been accepted by the State and Settlement Governments that, wherever possible, squatters should be settled in areas where they already live, but that where settlement of this kind is not possible they should be moved to other areas."

Funds have been made available by the Federation Government for roads, drainage, police and other essential services in the existing settlements and the new areas of resettlement, Mr. Griffiths said.

Voluntary Organisations, such as the Malayan Chinese Association, have helped to provide transport and building materials for the squatters.—Reuter.

COMET'S DOUBLE RECORD

London, Mar. 16.—Britain's De Havilland Comet, the world's first all-jet airliner, made a double record flight to and from Rome between breakfast and tea-time today.

With the Royal Air Force's famous wartime night-fighter pilot, Group Captain John Cunningham, at the controls, the Comet touched down at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon, two hours and nine minutes after leaving Rome.

Earlier today the Comet set up a new record for the London to Rome flight in two hours and two minutes, flying at 40,000 feet at an average speed of 480 miles an hour.

The flight was described by a De Havilland official as "a normal routine test flight" to check fuel consumption and performance.

The previous London-Rome record was held by Squadron Leader Neville Duke, who made the trip in 2 hrs. 30 mins. 58-2/3 secs. in a Hawker Fury aircraft in May 1949.—Reuter.

SAN MARINO ELECTION

San Marino, Mar. 16.—The pocket republic of San Marino, a 36-square mile sovereign state of 16,000 inhabitants, perched high in the Apennine Mountains, tonight elected two Chiefs of State for the next six months. Known as "the Most Excellent Captains Regent," Giuseppe Morellini and Primo Taddai represent the Social Communists, who won the elections of February 1949.

In accordance with the Constitution, two members of the 60-man Grand Council, or Parliament, are appointed every six months to act as Regents, who wield the executive power.—Reuter.

Dutch And Indonesian Ministers To Confer

The Hague, Mar. 16.—Two Dutch Cabinet Ministers are leaving here today by air for Indonesia to attend the first meeting of the Ministers of the Netherlands - Indonesian Union, which was set up during the round-table conference on Indonesia last winter.

They are Professor J.R.M. Van den Brink, Minister of Economic Affairs, and Mr. L. Goetz, Minister Without Portfolio assisting with Overseas Territories.

The two Ministers will form the vanguard of a strong Dutch delegation which will include Mr. Johannes Van Manneveen, Minister for Union and Realm Affairs, Professor Peter Lieftinck, Finance Minister, and a number of economic and political experts.

An advance agenda for the conference is not being drawn up. Instead, both Governments have exchanged lists of problems facing the new union.

The Indonesian Government is expected to regard the future of New Guinea to be a priority subject for discussion. Other problems include the actual functioning of the Union and its financial, economic and financial matters, problems arising from the withdrawal of the Dutch Army and the building up of an Indonesian Navy.

Spectacular results are not expected from the conference, which will be largely exploratory.

Many problems will almost certainly be handed over to commissions of experts for further study.—Reuter.

Kuo Mo-jo Waxes Hot Over Ban

San Francisco, Mar. 16.—The Chinese Communist Vice-Premier, Kuo Mo-jo, has called to Mr. Clement Attlee a strong protest "on behalf of the peace-loving Chinese people" against the British Government's refusal to grant visas to the Soviet and Hungarian delegates of the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress, according to the Peking Radio.

Kuo, who is chairman of the Chinese Committee of the Communist Party, told the British Prime Minister: "This unjustified action completely runs counter to the desire of the British people for peace."

Peking Radio said Kuo sent two similar cables to the French and Dutch Premiers, but using stronger language.

Of M. Georges Bidault, he "demanded that this unjustified decision, which violates the interests of world peace, be immediately cancelled."

Mr. Wilhelm Drees was told that his act "completely exposes the criminal, bellicose policy being pursued by the Dutch Government."—United Press.

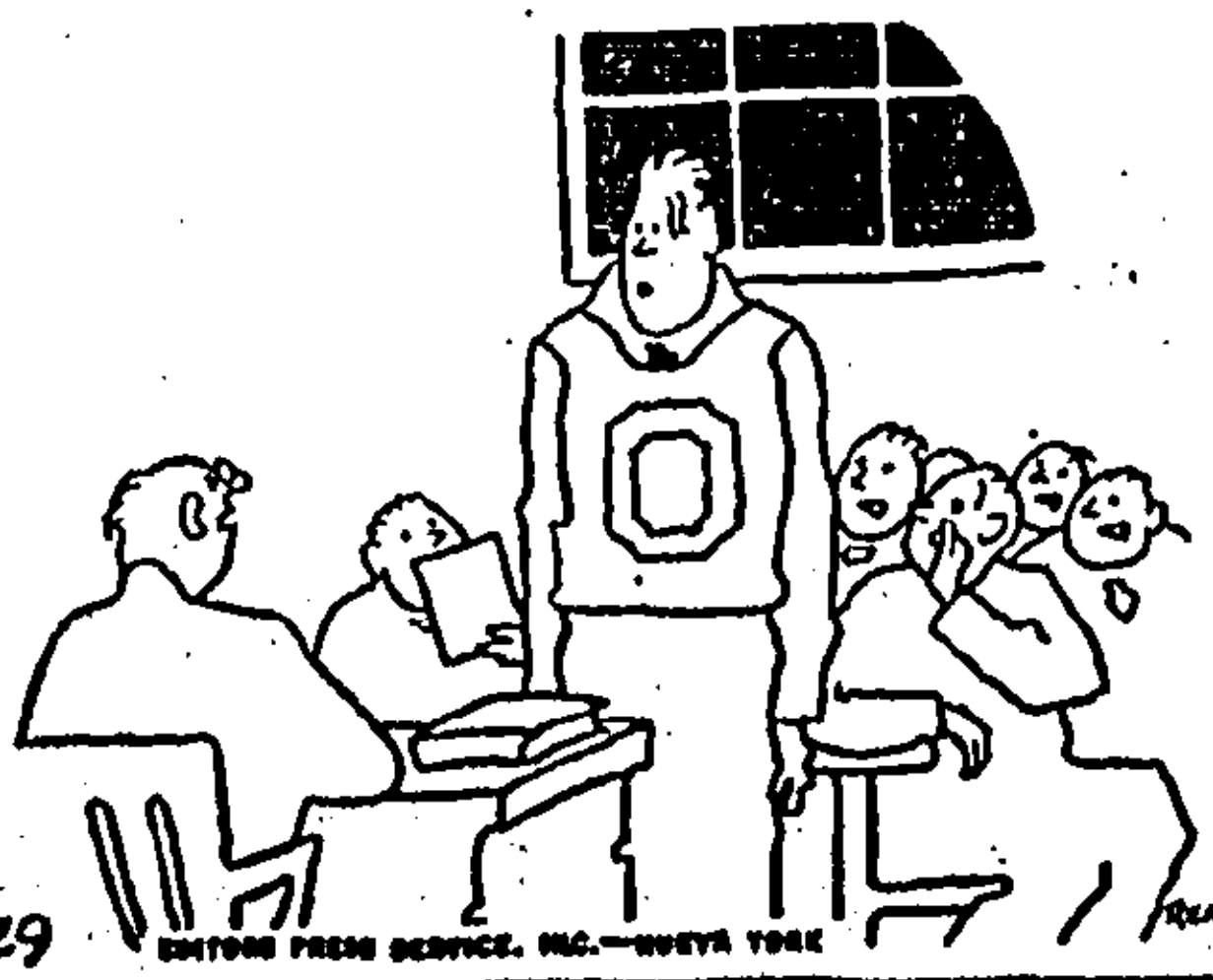
GANG ATTACK IN ERITREA

Asmara, Mar. 16.—A Shitta gang, 20 strong, last night attacked a gold mine some 20 miles south of Asmara. The mine is owned by Signor Guido de Rossi, President of the Italian Eritrean Association, who is an active Independentist.

The gang set fire to installations and offices valued at 25,000.

The Shitta leader was reported to have said that he was an Ethiopian.

Six Independentists who failed to return to Asmara from Tekeban, 32 miles along the Karer Road, after meeting the Commission, are presumed to have fallen into the hands of the Shittas.—Reuter.



"Take your time, Zolnick. I realize it's difficult to hear with so many prompting."

Alluring Feature



Corinne Calvet, French screen star of the picture "My Friend Irma Goes West," poses with a bust of herself sculptured by Judith Simmons of New York. The Manhattan sculptress believes that despite all the attention focussed on legs and figure, the area between the tip of the chin and the base of the neck remains one of the most alluring features of the body. (London Express Service).

Ingrid Bergman's Husband Contests Suit For Child

Hollywood, Mar. 16.—Dr. Peter Lindstrom's lawyer charged today that film star Ingrid Bergman was "unfit" to have custody of their 12-year-old daughter. The attorney, Isaac Pacht, said Dr. Lindstrom would demand custody of the child, who "was apparently abandoned by Miss Bergman."

India Checks Travellers From Tibet

New Delhi, Mar. 16.—The Foreign Ministry said today that the Government of India is tightening border controls to check unexplained "infiltration" of passportless travellers from Tibet.

The Deputy Minister, Mr. B. K. Keskar, said on the floor of Parliament that India was aware that infiltration had increased recently but added he was "not prepared to say for what reason."

He said it was impossible to estimate the number of illegal travellers accurately because mountain passes leading to India are too numerous to patrol thoroughly.

Military check posts were recently established in key Himalayan routes, and Mr. Keskar said India is taking "further steps to see that the situation will not deteriorate."

DE GAULLE WELCOMES ARMS AID

Paris, Mar. 16.—General Charles de Gaulle today expressed the hope that United States help would be made available for Indo-China.

The General told a press conference: "I sincerely hope we shall get American aid for Indo-China, but it must be done through France. Otherwise it would be better to get no aid at all."

The General demanded a "strategic autonomy" for France within the Atlantic Pact. He welcomed the aid being sent under the military aid programme but said: "The Atlantic Pact is essential and an indirect guarantee of our security, but the means so far made available for its application are disproportionately small."

"Nothing tells us what will be the role of France in the direction of Allied strategy in the event of war," he added. "The arms given us cannot give strategic autonomy. I am thinking especially of aviation."—Reuter.

U.S. Economic Politics Lack Co-ordination

Washington, Mar. 16.—The State Department is leading a campaign for the United States to put its own economic house in order before the next Anglo-American dollar talks begin. This results from numerous foreign complaints that the United States fails to co-ordinate its economic politics and sometimes leaves European states caught in a squeeze.

The State Department is urging prompt creation of an inter-departmental committee to direct economic policies in the cold war. Its recommendation is at present before the Budget Bureau, and must win President Truman's approval before it can go into effect.

The State Department wants its representatives to work hand in glove with officials of the Treasury, Commerce, Agricultural and other departments in co-ordinating American policies.

For years the Department has been expounding free trade among all countries of the world, and led two great tariff cutting conferences that affected 23 countries. But it discovered that some other agency thwarted its schemes.

For instance, the Department negotiated lower tariff rates on butter from Denmark and in return got tariff concessions on American goods going there. Denmark thought lower American tariff would allow Danish butter to be sold in the United States, but it did not work out that way. The Agriculture Department, as part of its support of farm prices, persuaded Congress to ban the importation of butter as long as it is surplus here. That will be a long time.

Denmark is complaining to the State Department with a reference of skull-duggery in Washington.

Australia and New Zealand also complained on similar grounds.

Britain has long disagreed with the United States business men on grounds that British goods get a bad chance in American markets regardless of what the State Department does or says. As a result, Britain's efforts at solving its dollar shortage at present are designed to reduce purchases of dollar goods such as oil and motion pictures. Coupled with devaluation of the pound, this policy has brought results.

Britain's dollar shortage, helped by ECA contributions, has been narrowed, and the United States is somewhat alarmed that so much of this improvement has been made through a reduction of British buying.

The United States wants to see Britain balance its dollar account through increased exports to the United States. So American officials are talking more and more of "high level" trade. To get it, the United States will have to lower tariffs and quotas to allow Britain to sell more goods here.

That is the way Secretary of State Dean Acheson wants to solve the problem. And he wants other Government departments to help in the campaign.—United Press.

The Yemen Protests To London

London, Mar. 16.—Mohammed Abdullah Al Ahri, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Yemen, has delivered a protest to the British Foreign Office against the alleged supply of arms by British sources to tribes in the Hadramaut, Southern Arabia, according to a usually reliable source today.

He left London today by air for home.

The Minister has been in London for two months and has discussed with the Foreign Office the frontier dispute with the Yemen and the British Protectorate of Aden which arose last summer when the Royal Air Force bombed a Yemeni-constructed fort in the disputed area.

It is believed that before the dispute can be settled the problem of future diplomatic relations between Britain and the Yemen must be solved. Hitherto, the Yemen Government has objected to diplomatic relations being carried on through the medium of the Governor of Aden.

The Minister is understood to be talking back with him British proposals on this problem.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S REPLY TO RUMANIA

Bucharest, Mar. 16.—Britain has demanded that the Rumanian Charge d'Affaires in London shall cancel his propaganda activity and suspend the publication of a Rumanian information bulletin. It was disclosed here today.

This, a counter-blast to Rumania's similar move against Britain, was made in a note from the British Embassy here to the Rumanian Foreign Ministry.

It protested against the Rumanian Government's recent demand for the closing of the British Information Office in Bucharest.

The Rumanian Government made its demand on March 2 "for the protection of Rumanian national interests." The Embassy closed its Information Section 24 hours after the demand had been received.—Reuter.

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